

CLAIMS

1. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, comprising:

an enclosure having an open top, a floor, a mattress support panel, a front
5 wall, and at least one surrounding wall connected to the front wall;

said floor having a top surface, a bottom surface and surrounding side edges
and being attached to said front wall and said surrounding wall at said
surrounding side edges;

said mattress support panel having an upper surface, a lower surface, an outer
10 perimeter and being removably attached to said front wall and said
surrounding wall at said outer perimeter and being spaced upwardly
from said floor;

a mattress pad, said mattress pad having an upper surface, a lower surface and
being sized and shaped to fit slidably between said front wall and said
15 surrounding wall;

means for reversibly lowering a height of at least a portion of said front wall,
from a first position at said top to at least one second position below
said top;

a securing strap assembly for securing the co-sleeper to a parental bed; and

20 whereby, when the front wall is raised to the first position, the co-sleeper is
usable as a bassinet; and wherein, when the front wall is then lowered
to one of its second positions, the co-sleeper is usable as a changing
table; and further, when the securing strap assembly is properly
positioned and the co-sleeper is secured to the parental bed it will
25 serve as a co-sleeper.

2. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, wherein said floor further comprises:

a series of first reinforcing straps, said first reinforcing straps being disposed upon said bottom surface; and
at least two of said first reinforcing straps being attached to said enclosure.

3. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 2, wherein said floor further comprises:

at least two fastening portions extending outwardly from said first reinforcing straps and attaching to said enclosure; and
at least two securing portions, said securing portions attaching said fastening portions to a lower edge of said front wall and to a lower edge of said surrounding wall.

4. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, wherein said floor further comprises means for removably securing said lower surface of said mattress pad to said top surface of said floor.

5. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, wherein said mattress support panel is formed of mesh material.

6. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, wherein said mattress support panel further comprises:

a series of reinforcing panels, said reinforcing panels being attached to said upper surface; and

a series of second reinforcing straps, said second reinforcing straps being
attached to said lower surface.

- 5 7. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, wherein spacing
of said mattress support panel upwardly from said floor is adjustable between a first,
lower position to at least one second higher position, thereby permitting said mattress
pad to be maintained at at least two different heights relative to an upper mattress
surface of said parental bed.
- 10 8. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, wherein said
mattress support panel is removably attached to said front wall and said surrounding
wall at said outer perimeter using a first zipper.
- 15 9. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 8, further
comprising means for securing an openable end of said first zipper.
10. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 9, wherein said
means for securing an openable end of said first zipper further comprises:
a first reversibly separable securing tab, said first securing tab attached to a
20 zipper pull of said first zipper;
a zipper pull cover, said zipper pull cover having a side edge, a top surface, a
bottom surface and a first reversibly separable pad attached to said
bottom surface;
said zipper pull cover being attached at said side edge to an inner surface of
25 either of said front wall and said surrounding wall adjacent said
openable end of said first zipper;

a second reversibly separable attachment pad attached to said upper surface of said mattress support panel adjacent said openable end of said first zipper; and

whereby, when said first zipper is in a closed position, said first reversibly separable pad of said zipper pull cover will attach to said first securing tab and said second reversibly separable attachment pad, thereby preventing easy opening of said first zipper.

11. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 8, further comprising a flexible covering for an upper portion of said first zipper to prevent injury to an infant or small child.

12. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 10, wherein said mattress support panel further comprises:

a surrounding edge panel, said surrounding edge panel extending upwardly from said outer perimeter for a first predetermined distance and having an upper edge;

a second zipper, said second zipper removably attaching said surrounding edge panel to said front wall and said surrounding wall at said upper edge; and

whereby, when said second zipper attaches said upper edge to said front wall and said surrounding wall said mattress support panel will be disposed at said first lower position, and when said first zipper also attaches said outer perimeter to said front wall and said surrounding wall said mattress support panel will be disposed at one of said second higher positions.

13. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 12, further comprising means for securing an openable end of said second zipper.
- 5 14. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 13, wherein said means for securing an openable end of said second zipper further comprises:
- a second reversibly separable securing tab, said second securing tab attached to a zipper pull of said second zipper;
- said zipper pull cover being attached at said side edge to an inner surface of
- 10 either of said front wall and said surrounding wall adjacent said openable ends of said first zipper and said second zipper;
- a third reversibly separable attachment pad attached adjacent said upper edge of said surrounding edge panel adjacent said openable end of said second zipper; and
- 15 whereby, when said second zipper is in a closed position, said first reversibly separable pad of said zipper pull cover will attach to said second securing tab and said third reversibly separable attachment pad, thereby preventing easy opening of said second zipper.
- 20 15. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 12, further comprising a flexible covering for an upper portion of said second zipper to prevent injury to an infant or small child.
16. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, wherein said
- 25 mattress support panel further comprises means for removably securing said lower surface of said mattress pad to said upper surface of said mattress support panel.

17. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, wherein said mattress pad further comprises means for removably securing said lower surface of said mattress pad to either of said upper surface of said mattress support panel and said top surface of said floor.
18. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, wherein said mattress pad further comprises:
- a washable cover, said washable cover being sized and shaped to fit over said mattress pad;
 - means for removably securing said washable cover to said lower surface of said mattress pad; and
 - said washable cover having means for being removably secured to either of said upper surface of said mattress support panel and said floor.
19. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, wherein said mattress pad further comprises:
- at least three portions, each of said portions having a rigid bottom section and a padded top section;
 - said portions being hingedly attached to each other;
 - means for removably attaching outer edges of said mattress pad together; and
 - whereby, said mattress pad serves as an enclosure for the co-sleeper when folded for transport and storage.
20. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 19, wherein said mattress pad further comprises a slat-receiving pocket and a stiffening slat, said slat

receiving pocket extending across said bottom sections of said at least three portions and being sized and shaped to receive said stiffening slat for further supporting said mattress pad.

5 21. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, wherein at least a portion of said surrounding wall is formed of mesh material.

22. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, wherein said surrounding wall includes a reclosable opening, said opening providing access to a space between said floor and said mattress support panel.

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23. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, further comprising height adjusting means for changing a height of the co-sleeper such that said upper surface of said mattress support panel is disposed at a level below an upper surface of a mattress of said parental bed.

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24. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 23, wherein said height adjusting means comprises extensions that attach to lower edges of said enclosure.

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25. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 23, further comprising removable wheels, said wheels attaching to either of said lower edges of said enclosure and said extensions.

25 26. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, further comprising:

at least one pair of alignment means through which said securing strap assembly is directed for maintaining said securing strap assembly in horizontal orientation and preventing lifting or bucking of said co-sleeper when secured to said parental bed; and

5 at least one pair of securing strap attachment means for fastening said securing strap assembly to said co-sleeper.

27. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, wherein said securing strap assembly further comprises:

10 a strap member having a first end and a second end;
a resistance plate member having at least two slots vertically aligned and centrally disposed at which said strap member is attached such that said first end and said second end are equidistant from said plate member;

15 attachment cooperation means disposed at said first end and said second end of said strap member for reversible connection to one of said pairs of securing strap attachment means; and

adjusting means for adjusting a length of said strap member and tightening same after connecting said attachment cooperation means to one of

20 said pairs of securing strap attachment means;

wherein, said strap member is properly positioned when disposed under a mattress and above a surface on which said mattress rests on said parental bed and held in place by said resistance plate member disposed vertically at a side of said parental bed opposite placement of

25 said co-sleeper and said strap member is tightened so said co-sleeper is held fast to said parental bed.

28. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, wherein said front wall is comprised of flexible material and means for supporting said flexible material.

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29. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 28, further comprising means for constraining a portion of said flexible material when said front wall is lowered from said first position at said top to one of said second positions below said top.

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30. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 28, wherein said means for constraining a portion of said flexible material comprises:

a first strap portion, said first strap portion having a first end and a second end and being attached at said first end to an inner surface of said

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front wall at a level below said at least one second position;

a receiving connector, said receiving connector being attached to said first strap portion at said second end;

a second strap portion, said second strap portion having a first end and a second end and being attached at said first end to an outer surface of

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said front wall at a level below said at least one second position;

an attaching connector, said attaching connector having a slot, said slot being sized and shaped to fit slidably over said second strap portion;

said second strap portion being looped through said slot of said attaching connector and removably attached to itself with a slidable adjusting

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buckle; and

whereby, when said front wall is in one of said second positions and said attaching connector is disposed in said receiving connector, said slidable adjusting buckle is moved to tighten said first and second strap portions so as to constrain said portion of said flexible material.

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31. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 30, further comprising:

an inside pocket, said inside pocket having a reversibly closable top opening and being disposed upon said inner surface of said front wall with said first end of said first strap portion attached to said front wall within said inside pocket;

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an outside pocket, said outside pocket having a reversibly closable top opening and being disposed upon said outer surface of said front wall with said first end of said second strap portion attached to said front wall within said outside pocket; and

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whereby, when said first and second strap portions with attached receiving and attaching connectors are not needed to constrain said portion of said flexible material, said strap portions are stored within said inside and outside pockets, respectively.

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32. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, wherein a portion of said front wall is formed of mesh material.

33. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, wherein the means for reversibly lowering the height of at least a portion of said front wall further comprises:

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a first set of reversibly separable fasteners disposed adjacent a top edge of
said front wall adjacent a first side edge of said front wall;
a second set of reversibly separable fasteners disposed adjacent a top edge of
said front wall adjacent a second side edge of said front wall;
5 whereby, when said front wall is lowered from said first, upper position to
one of said second lower positions, said reversibly separable fasteners
are opened to permit said front wall to be lowered while securing any
excessive flexible material when said front wall is in said first upper
position.

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34. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, further
comprising:

at least one upper mattress control slit, said upper mattress control slit
penetrating said mattress support panel;

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at least one upper releasable attachment means, said upper releasable
attachment means disposed upon said lower surface of said mattress
support panel adjacent said mattress control slit;

at least one attachment strip, said attachment strip being attached to said
lower surface of said mattress pad, being sized and shaped to fit
20 slidably through said mattress control slit and having means for
attaching to said releasable attachment means; and

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whereby, when said mattress pad is disposed upon said mattress support
panel, said attachment strip is disposed through said upper mattress
control slit and attached to said upper releasable attachment means,
25 said mattress pad will be removably secured to said mattress support
panel.

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35. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 1, further comprising:

at least one lower mattress control slit, said lower mattress control slit
5 penetrating said floor;

at least one lower releasable attachment means, said lower releasable
attachment means disposed upon said bottom surface of said floor
adjacent said lower mattress control slit;

at least one attachment strip, said attachment strip being attached to said
10 lower surface of said mattress pad, being sized and shaped to fit
slidably through said lower mattress control slit and having means for
attaching to said lower releasable attachment means; and

whereby, when said mattress pad is disposed upon said floor, said attachment
strip is disposed through said lower mattress control slit and attached
15 to said lower releasable attachment means, said mattress pad will be
removably secured to said floor.

36. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper comprising:

a rigid enclosure having an open top, a floor, a front wall, a back wall, a first
20 side wall, a second side wall and a mattress support panel;

said floor having a top surface, a bottom surface and surrounding side edges
and being attached to said front wall, back wall, first side wall and
second side wall at said surrounding side edges;

said mattress support panel having an upper surface, a lower surface, an outer
25 perimeter and being removably attached to said front wall, back wall,

first side wall and second side wall at said outer perimeter and being spaced upwardly from said floor;

a mattress pad, said mattress pad having an upper surface, a lower surface and being sized and shaped to fit slidably between said front wall, back wall, first side wall and second side wall;

a rigid frame, said frame being formed at the top by front and rear upper parallel horizontal rails and first and second upper side horizontal rails and two upper front corner members and two upper rear corner members in cooperation therewith, and being formed adjacent said floor by front and rear lower parallel horizontal rails and first side and second side lower parallel horizontal rails and in cooperation therewith, and a pair of front vertical rails and a pair of rear vertical rails in further cooperation with said two upper front corner members and said two upper rear corner members and said four lower corner leg members;

said rigid frame supporting said floor, said front wall, said back wall, said first side wall and said second side wall;

each upper front corner member being constructed of two reversibly separable complementary sections, the first of said sections being fixedly attached to an end of said front upper horizontal rail and the second of said sections being fixedly attached to an upper end of one of said front vertical rails, said upper front corner members supporting said upper front horizontal rail in a first position;

receiving means fixedly attached to each front vertical rail for receiving said first section of an upper front corner member and reversibly maintaining said upper front horizontal rail in at least one lower

second position, thereby lowering said front wall and maintaining structural rigidity of the co-sleeper when said upper front horizontal rail is in one of said second positions;

a securing strap assembly for securing the co-sleeper to a parental bed; and

5 whereby, when said upper front horizontal rail and said front wall are in the raised first position, the co-sleeper is usable as a bassinet; and wherein, when said upper front horizontal rail and said front wall are then lowered to one of said second positions, the co-sleeper is usable as a changing table; and further, when the securing strap assembly is properly positioned and the co-sleeper is secured to the parental bed it will serve as a co-sleeper.

37. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, further comprising:

15 first and second padded covers, each of said padded covers being sized and shaped to fit over one of said two upper front corner members; means for attaching said first and second padded covers to said first and second side walls; and

20 whereby, when said upper front horizontal rail is in said second position and said first and second padded covers are installed over said upper front corner members, openings in said corner members will be covered and thus protected from entry by fingers of infants or small children.

38. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein said front and rear upper parallel horizontal rails and first and second upper side horizontal rails are padded.

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39. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein said floor further comprises:

a series of first reinforcing straps, said first reinforcing straps being disposed
upon said bottom surface of said floor; and
at least two of said first reinforcing straps being attached to said rigid frame.

40. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 39, wherein said floor further comprises:

at least two fastening portions extending outwardly from said first reinforcing
straps and attaching to said rigid frame; and
at least two securing portions, said securing portions attaching said fastening
portions to lower edges of said front wall, said back wall, said first
side wall and said second side wall.

41. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein said floor further comprises means for removably securing said lower surface of said mattress pad to said top surface of said floor.

42. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein said mattress support panel is formed of mesh material.

43. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein said mattress support panel further comprises:

a series of reinforcing panels, said reinforcing panels being attached to said
upper surface of said mattress support panel; and

a series of second reinforcing straps, said second reinforcing straps being
attached to said lower surface of said mattress support panel.

5 44. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein
spacing of said mattress support panel upwardly from said floor is adjustable
between a first, lower position to at least one second higher position, thereby
permitting said mattress pad to be maintained at at least two different heights relative
to an upper mattress surface of said parental bed.

10 45. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein said
mattress support panel is removably attached to said front wall, back wall, first side
wall and second side wall at said outer perimeter using a first zipper.

15 46. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 45, further
comprising means for securing an openable end of said first zipper.

47. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 46, wherein said
means for securing an openable end of said first zipper further comprises:
a first reversibly separable securing tab, said first securing tab attached to a
20 zipper pull of said first zipper;
a zipper pull cover, said zipper pull cover having a side edge, a top surface, a
bottom surface and a first reversibly separable pad attached to said
bottom surface;
said zipper pull cover being attached at said side edge to an inner surface of
25 either of said front wall, back wall, first side wall and second side wall
adjacent said openable end of said first zipper;

a second reversibly separable attachment pad attached to said upper surface
of said mattress support panel adjacent said openable end of said first
zipper; and

whereby, when said first zipper is in a closed position, said first reversibly
separable pad of said zipper pull cover will attach to said first
securing tab and said second reversibly separable attachment pad,
thereby preventing easy opening of said first zipper.

48. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 45, further
comprising a flexible covering for an upper portion of said first zipper to prevent
injury to an infant or small child.

49. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 48, wherein said
mattress support panel further comprises:

a surrounding edge panel, said surrounding edge panel extending upwardly
from said outer perimeter for a first predetermined distance and
having an upper edge;

a second zipper, said second zipper removably attaching said surrounding
edge panel to either of said front wall, said back wall, said first side
wall and said second side wall at said upper edge; and

whereby, when said second zipper attaches said upper edge to said front wall,
said back wall, said first side wall and said second side wall said
mattress support panel will be disposed on said first lower position,
and when said first zipper also attaches said outer perimeter to said
front wall, said back wall, said first side wall and said second side

wall said mattress support panel will be disposed on said second higher position.

50. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 49, further comprising means for securing an openable end of said second zipper.
51. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 50, wherein said means for securing an openable end of said second zipper further comprises:
- a second reversibly separable securing tab, said second securing tab attached to a zipper pull of said second zipper;
 - a zipper pull cover, said zipper pull cover having a side edge, a top surface, a bottom surface and a first reversibly separable pad attached to said bottom surface;
 - said zipper pull cover being attached at said side edge to an inner surface of either of said front wall, back wall, first side wall and second side wall adjacent said openable end of said second zipper;
 - a third reversibly separable attachment pad attached adjacent said upper edge of said surrounding edge panel adjacent said openable end of said second zipper; and
- whereby, when said second zipper is in a closed position, said first reversibly separable pad of said zipper pull cover will attach to said second securing tab and said third reversibly separable attachment pad, thereby preventing easy opening of said second zipper.

52. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 49, further comprising a flexible covering for an upper portion of said second zipper to prevent injury to an infant or small child.

5 53. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein said mattress support panel further comprises means for removably securing said lower surface of said mattress pad to said upper surface of said mattress support panel.

10 54. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein said mattress pad further comprises means for removably securing said lower surface of said mattress pad to either of said upper surface of said mattress support panel and said top surface of said floor.

15 55. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein said mattress pad further comprises:
a washable cover, said washable cover being sized and shaped to fit over said mattress pad;
means for removably securing said washable cover to said lower surface of said mattress pad; and
20 said washable cover having means for being removably secured to said lower surface of said mattress pad and means for being removably secured to said upper surface of said mattress support panel.

25 56. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein at least a portion of either of said back wall, said first side wall and said second side wall is formed of mesh material.

57. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein said back wall includes a reclosable opening, said reclosable opening providing access to a space between said floor and said mattress support panel.

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58. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, further comprising height adjusting means for changing a height of the co-sleeper such that said upper surface of said mattress support panel is disposed at a level below an upper surface of a mattress of said parental bed.

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59. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 58, wherein said height adjusting means comprises extensions that attach to said four lower corner leg members.

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60. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 58, further comprising removable wheels, said wheels attaching to either of four lower corner leg members and said extensions.

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61. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, further comprising:

at least one pair of alignment means through which said securing strap assembly is directed for maintaining said securing strap assembly in horizontal orientation and preventing lifting or bucking of said co-sleeper when secured to said parental bed; and

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at least one pair of securing strap attachment means for fastening said securing strap assembly to said co-sleeper.

62. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein said securing strap assembly further comprises:

a strap member having a first end and a second end;

5 a resistance plate member having at least two slots vertically aligned and centrally disposed at which said strap member is attached such that said first end and said second end are equidistant from said plate member;

10 attachment cooperation means disposed at said first end and said second end of said strap member for reversible connection to one of said pairs of securing strap attachment means; and

adjusting means for adjusting a length of said strap member and tightening same after connecting said attachment cooperation means to one of said pairs of security strap attachment means;

15 wherein, said strap member is properly positioned when disposed under a mattress and above a surface on which said mattress rests on said parental bed and held in place by said resistance plate member disposed vertically at a side of said parental bed opposite placement of said co-sleeper and said strap member is tightened so said co-sleeper
20 is held fast to said parental bed.

63. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein said front wall is comprised of flexible material and means for supporting said flexible material.

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64. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 63, further comprising means for constraining a portion of said flexible material when said front wall is lowered from said first position at said top to one of said second positions below said top.

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65. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 64, wherein said means for constraining a portion of said flexible material comprises:

a first strap portion, said first strap portion having a first end and a second end and being attached at said first end to an inner surface of said

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front wall at a level below said at least one second position;

a receiving connector, said receiving connector being attached to said first strap portion at said second end;

a second strap portion, said second strap portion having a first end and a second end and being attached at said first end to an outer surface of said front wall at a level below said at least one second position;

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an attaching connector, said attaching connector having a slot, said slot being sized and shaped to fit slidably over said second strap portion;

said second strap portion being looped through said slot of said attaching connector and removably attached to itself with a slidable adjusting buckle; and

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whereby, when said front wall is in one of said second positions and said attaching connector is disposed in said receiving connector, said slidable adjusting buckle may be moved to tighten said first and second strap portions so as to constrain said portion of said flexible material.

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66. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 65, further comprising:

an inside pocket, said inside pocket having a reversibly closable top opening and being disposed upon said inner surface of said front wall with said first end of said first strap portion attached to said front wall within said inside pocket;

an outside pocket, said outside pocket having a reversibly closable top opening and being disposed upon said outer surface of said front wall with said first end of said second strap portion attached to said front wall within said outside pocket; and

whereby, when said first and second strap portions with attached receiving and attaching connectors are not needed to constrain said portion of said flexible material, said strap portions are stored within said inside and outside pockets, respectively.

67. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein a portion of said front wall is formed of mesh material.

68. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper as in Claim 36, wherein said rigid frame further comprises:

means for pivotally mounting said front and rear upper horizontal rails to said upper front corner members and upper rear corner members, respectively;

frame locking devices positioned at center points of said front and rear upper horizontal rail pivotally mounted thereto and permitting said upper rails to pivot downwardly from said open top of said enclosure;

means for pivotally mounting said first and second upper side horizontal rails
to said upper front and rear corner members;

frame locking devices positioned at center points of said first and second
upper side horizontal rails being pivotally mounted thereto and
5 permitting each of said rails to pivot downwardly from said open top
of said enclosure;

means for pivotally mounting said first side and second side lower horizontal
rails to said lower corner members;

frame pivoting devices positioned at center points of said first side and
10 second side lower horizontal rails being pivotally mounted thereto and
permitting each of said rails to pivot upwardly;

means for pivotally mounting said front and rear lower horizontal rails to said
lower front and rear corner leg members, respectively; and

frame pivoting devices positioned at center points of said front and rear lower
15 horizontal rails being pivotally mounted thereto and permitting each
of said rails to pivot upwardly;

wherein said frame may be quickly folded into a compact package for
transport and storage by releasing said locking devices positioned on
said front and rear upper horizontal rails and first and second upper
20 side horizontal rails depressing said upper horizontal rails
downwardly while pulling upwardly on said frame pivoting devices
on said lower horizontal rails, thereby causing said upper and
horizontal rails to bend downwardly, said lower horizontal rails to
bend upwardly and said vertical rails to move inwardly.

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69. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 53, wherein said mattress pad further comprises:

at least three portions, each of said portions having a rigid bottom section and a padded top section;

5 said portions being hingedly attached to each other;
means for removably attaching outer edges of said mattress pad together; and
whereby, said mattress pad serves as an enclosure for the co-sleeper when folded for transport and storage.

10 70. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 69, wherein said mattress pad further comprises a slat-receiving pocket and a stiffening slat, said slat receiving pocket extending across said bottom sections of said at least three portions and being sized and shaped to receive said stiffening slat for further supporting said mattress pad.

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71. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein the means for reversibly lowering the height of at least a portion of said front wall further comprises:

a first set of reversibly separable fasteners disposed adjacent a top edge of said front wall adjacent a first side edge of said front wall;

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a second set of reversibly separable fasteners disposed adjacent said top edge of said front wall adjacent a second side edge of said front wall;

whereby, when the front wall is lowered from said first, upper position to one of said second lower positions, said reversibly separable fasteners are opened to permit said front wall to be lowered while securing any

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excessive flexible material when said front wall is in said first upper position.

72. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein said first and second sections of said upper front corner members and said receiving means fixedly attached to each front vertical rail for receiving said first section of said upper front corner members and reversibly maintaining said upper front horizontal rail in at least one lower second position further comprise:

a T-shaped protrusion extending from a point adjacent a lower end of said

first section of said upper front corner members toward an upper end of said first section and terminating in a stop;

a securing extension disposed on said first section adjacent and below said T-shaped protrusion, said securing extension being bendable away from said T-shaped protrusion and including a retaining ledge;

a first mating T-shaped slot extending from a point adjacent an upper end of said second section of the upper front corner member and terminating above a lower end of said upper front corner member;

a second mating T-shaped slot extending from a point adjacent an upper end of said receiving means toward a lower end of said receiving means and terminating above a lower end of said receiving means; and

at least two locating features disposed on said second section and said receiving means adjacent and below said first and second T-shaped slots, said locating features sized, shaped and disposed to be removably engaged by said retaining ledge of said securing extension so that said first section of said upper front corner member may be secured to either of said second section and said receiving means.

73. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 68 wherein said rigid frame is formed of hollow tubing, said front, rear, first side and second side upper horizontal rails each have a first portion and a second portion, each portion having an inboard end and an outboard end, and said frame locking devices positioned at center points of said upper horizontal rails further comprise:

a connecting frame, said frame pivotally mounted to the inboard ends of each of said first and second portions of said upper horizontal rails; said connecting frame including a pair of locking holes;

10 a pair of spring-loaded buttons mounted within said upper horizontal rails, said buttons being sized, shaped and disposed to engage said locking holes in said connecting frame when said first and second portions of said upper horizontal rails are collinear; and

means for pushing both buttons inwardly so as to clear said locking holes in said connecting frame simultaneously, thereby permitting said upper

15 horizontal rails to be pivoted downwardly.

74. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 68 wherein the rigid frame is formed of hollow tubing, said front, rear, first side and second side lower horizontal rails each have a first portion and a second portion, each portion having an inboard end and an outboard end, and the frame pivoting devices positioned at center points of said lower horizontal rails further comprise:

a spring housing, said spring housing being pivotally mounted upon a pair of

25 mounting pins to the inboard ends of each of the first and second portions of said lower horizontal rails;

said spring housing including first and second pairs of arcuate alignment slots and first and second pairs of positioning detents; first and second alignment pins, said pins being mounted parallel to said mounting pins and spaced outwardly from the inboard ends of the first and second portions of said lower horizontal rails; said alignment pins being sized, shaped and disposed to fit slidably within said arcuate alignment slots; each of said pairs of positioning detents being spaced apart by a distance slightly less than a diameter of one of said lower horizontal rails; and whereby, when said first and second portions of said lower horizontal rails are collinear, said rails will be within said spring housing and when said rails are pivoted with respect to one another to fold said co-sleeper, said detents will be urged against the rails by a spring resistance of said housing, causing said housing to spread apart, such resistance serving to maintain collinear alignment of said lower horizontal rails when the co-sleeper is erected.

75. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36 wherein said first section of said front upper corner member is a male section and said second section is a female section, said second section having an opening sufficiently small so as to prevent entry of fingers of small children or infants.

76. A portable combination bedside co-sleeper, as described in Claim 36, wherein the receiving means is a female section for association with a male section, said receiving means having an opening sufficiently small so as to prevent the entry of fingers of small children or infants.